

REMARKS

Claims 64, 66, and 68-72 remain in the subject application. Claim 64 is in independent form. Claims 65 and 67 have been cancelled.

Applicant submits herewith replacement, formal drawings for Figures 1-12. Figure 12 included to reference characters "108" and one has been replaced with reference character "106" as illustrated in Figure 10. It is believed that no new matter is introduced and Applicant requests entry of the replacement drawings.

Claim 72 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Specifically, the terms "work piece" and "clamping area" lacked antecedent basis and these terms have been cancelled from the claim. Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is overcome.

Claims 64-69, 71, and 72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Haaser (United States Patent No. 6,328,330). Claim 70 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Haaser.

Claim 64 has been amended to claim a supporting device having a base and a wheel mechanism connected to one of the ends of the base. The base is collapsible between a transport position and a support position. When the base is in the transport position, i.e., when the base is being moved, then the wheel mechanism is moved into a rolling position *substantially parallel to the base*. When the base is in the support position, i.e., supporting a workpiece, then the wheel mechanism is moved into a working position *substantially perpendicular to the base*. Claim 64 as amended also claims a pivot coupling the wheel mechanism and the base and allowing the wheel mechanism to

pivot between the rolling position and the working position and a locking device coupling the wheel mechanism and the base and locking the wheel mechanism in the rolling position and releasing the wheel mechanism into the working position.


None of the cited references disclose, teach, or suggest such a combination as claimed in amended claim 64. Since none of the references disclose, teach, or suggest, the novel combination, claims 64, 66, and 68-72 are deemed allowable.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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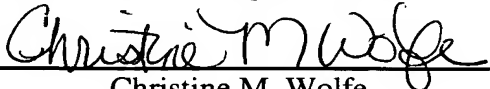
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